

EXHIBIT A

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
THE FEDERAL SECURITIES LAWS**


I, Brian de Haan, on behalf of Oregon Public Employees Retirement Fund (“Oregon PERS”) hereby certify, as to the claims asserted under the federal securities laws, that:

1. I am an Assistant Attorney General in the Oregon Department of Justice’s Financial Fraud and Consumer Protection Section and I am authorized to make legal decisions on behalf of Oregon PERS. I have reviewed a complaint filed in this matter. Oregon PERS has authorized the filing of this motion for appointment as lead plaintiff.
2. Oregon PERS did not purchase the securities that are the subject of this action at the direction of counsel or in order to participate in any action arising under the federal securities laws.
3. Oregon PERS is willing to serve as a lead plaintiff and representative party on behalf of the Class, including providing testimony at deposition and trial, if necessary. Oregon PERS fully understands the duties and responsibilities of the lead plaintiff under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act, including the selection and retention of counsel and overseeing the prosecution of the action for the Class.
4. Oregon PERS’ transactions in the CenturyLink, Inc. securities that are the subject of this action are set forth in the chart attached hereto.
5. Oregon PERS has sought to serve as a lead plaintiff and representative party on behalf of a class in the following actions under the federal securities laws filed during the three-year period preceding the date of this Certification, but either withdrew its motions for lead plaintiff or was not appointed lead plaintiff:

Hefler v. Wells Fargo & Company, No. 16-cv-5479 (N.D. Cal.)
Galmi v. Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Limited, No. 17-cv-558 (D. Conn.)

6. Oregon PERS will not accept any payment for serving as a representative party on behalf of the Class beyond Oregon PERS' pro rata share of any recovery, except such reasonable costs and expenses (including lost wages) directly relating to the representation of the Class, as ordered or approved by the Court.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 18th day of August, 2017.



Brian de Haan
Assistant Attorney General
Oregon Department of Justice
Oregon Public Employees Retirement Fund

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Transactions in CenturyLink, Inc. (CTL)
Common Stock, Cusip #: 156700106

<u>Transaction</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Price</u>
Purchase	3/1/2013	232	34.6316
Purchase	4/3/2013	1,550	35.2429
Purchase	5/7/2013	1,700	36.9332
Purchase	5/10/2013	1,650	37.6635
Purchase	5/31/2013	300	35.2733
Purchase	6/12/2013	215	35.5250
Purchase	7/1/2013	3,700	35.3024
Purchase	7/11/2013	125	35.7820
Purchase	7/18/2013	300	35.7100
Purchase	8/12/2013	71	34.1200
Purchase	8/29/2013	63	33.0900
Purchase	10/4/2013	4,000	31.1229
Purchase	11/4/2013	100	33.6900
Purchase	11/7/2013	100	31.9400
Purchase	12/3/2013	500	30.2260
Purchase	12/19/2013	18,850	31.1006
Purchase	1/17/2014	4,800	30.2497
Purchase	2/6/2014	100	28.1600
Purchase	2/7/2014	100	28.4800
Purchase	3/18/2014	98,800	30.9687
Purchase	5/13/2014	40,610	36.8675
Purchase	5/14/2014	42,750	37.5743
Purchase	5/15/2014	13,440	37.8366
Purchase	6/9/2014	5,900	36.9097
Purchase	6/9/2014	200	36.9299
Purchase	6/10/2014	5,510	36.9350
Purchase	6/10/2014	29,750	36.9142
Purchase	6/11/2014	28,140	36.5107
Purchase	6/12/2014	1700	36.2933
Purchase	7/3/2014	100	36.0900
Purchase	7/7/2014	5,000	36.1638
Purchase	7/22/2014	100	37.2900
Purchase	10/21/2014	49,728	39.7282
Purchase	10/22/2014	21,313	40.1187
Purchase	10/31/2014	200	41.6900
Purchase	11/10/2014	4,100	39.6945
Purchase	12/5/2014	100	39.7742
Purchase	12/5/2014	139	39.7742
Purchase	1/8/2015	400	38.9600
Purchase	1/29/2015	3,400	37.6011
Purchase	1/30/2015	100	36.9198
Purchase	2/24/2015	200	36.9299
Purchase	3/10/2015	200	35.1900
Purchase	3/10/2015	100	35.1800

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Purchase	3/12/2015	100	35.2800
Purchase	3/17/2015	12,680	34.8816
Purchase	5/6/2015	5,000	34.6754
Purchase	6/2/2015	2,400	32.9146
Purchase	6/5/2015	90,413	32.3497
Purchase	6/5/2015	300	32.3900
Purchase	6/12/2015	37,286	32.7768
Purchase	6/15/2015	100	32.2500
Purchase	7/1/2015	8,400	29.5170
Purchase	7/28/2015	200	28.2925
Purchase	8/6/2015	200	27.7450
Purchase	8/13/2015	22,360	27.9762
Purchase	8/14/2015	1,000	28.2200
Purchase	8/17/2015	1,600	28.3800
Purchase	8/18/2015	11,000	28.2158
Purchase	8/19/2015	48,445	28.3428
Purchase	8/20/2015	16,508	28.0053
Purchase	8/21/2015	8,439	27.3827
Purchase	9/1/2015	100	26.0500
Purchase	9/23/2015	319	25.1706
Purchase	9/25/2015	100	25.2750
Purchase	10/6/2015	400	25.5950
Purchase	10/21/2015	9,352	27.3525
Purchase	10/23/2015	16,931	27.9999
Purchase	11/25/2015	13,300	27.0899
Purchase	12/10/2015	3,700	26.4920
Purchase	12/17/2015	36,436	25.7619
Purchase	2/10/2016	305	24.8700
Purchase	3/21/2016	20,200	31.6114
Purchase	5/3/2016	14,466	30.5009
Purchase	5/5/2016	1,200	28.7299
Purchase	5/5/2016	2,200	28.8900
Purchase	5/11/2016	1,051	28.4716
Purchase	5/12/2016	29,034	28.4037
Purchase	5/13/2016	8,733	28.3854
Purchase	6/15/2016	6,749	27.7361
Purchase	6/16/2016	19,930	27.2314
Purchase	6/30/2016	7,319	28.9487
Purchase	7/11/2016	6,358	30.3448
Purchase	7/12/2016	16,300	30.7821
Purchase	7/19/2016	336	30.4144
Purchase	7/20/2016	1,845	30.3049
Purchase	7/29/2016	29,364	31.3237
Purchase	8/29/2016	500	28.6900

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Purchase	8/31/2016	7,317	27.8000
Purchase	9/26/2016	1,252	27.3692
Purchase	9/26/2016	292	27.3467
Purchase	9/29/2016	322	27.4231
Purchase	10/21/2016	147	28.1550
Purchase	11/14/2016	500	24.2690
Purchase	11/21/2016	320	25.3100
Purchase	12/13/2016	14,353	24.4300
Purchase	12/15/2016	205,492	23.7655
Purchase	2/6/2017	5,600	25.0500
Purchase	2/9/2017	800	24.4875
Purchase	2/17/2017	4,121	24.2800
Purchase	3/27/2017	1,100	22.4600
Purchase	4/13/2017	15,128	25.1200
Sale	3/5/2013	(140)	35.3391
Sale	4/15/2013	(9,965)	36.7962
Sale	4/15/2013	(5,850)	36.5550
Sale	9/10/2013	(950)	32.4853
Sale	10/10/2013	(2,000)	33.0748
Sale	11/20/2013	(300)	32.2500
Sale	2/14/2014	(700)	30.8707
Sale	3/27/2014	(200)	32.4650
Sale	3/28/2014	(100)	32.6300
Sale	3/28/2014	(100)	32.6350
Sale	4/11/2014	(900)	33.4866
Sale	6/6/2014	(2,500)	37.0072
Sale	7/7/2014	(100)	36.0700
Sale	7/8/2014	(200)	36.5100
Sale	12/1/2014	(200)	41.3100
Sale	7/8/2015	(66,620)	29.8650
Sale	7/15/2015	(27,590)	29.5605
Sale	7/16/2015	(25,360)	30.3217
Sale	7/22/2015	(17,890)	29.2628
Sale	7/23/2015	(77,850)	29.0194
Sale	7/23/2015	(6,160)	29.0450
Sale	7/24/2015	(28,780)	28.2758
Sale	7/27/2015	(10,450)	28.0802
Sale	2/5/2016	(500)	26.9600
Sale	9/21/2016	(74,600)	26.8830
Sale	2/1/2017	(2,002)	26.0217
Sale	2/8/2017	(69,583)	24.3824
Sale	2/14/2017	(46,033)	24.5204
Sale	2/21/2017	(1,236)	24.5418

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Sale	2/22/2017	(2,885)	24.8108
Sale	3/7/2017	(61,600)	22.9237
Sale	3/9/2017	(10,156)	22.7029
Sale	3/10/2017	(30,471)	23.1038
Sale	4/19/2017	(15,128)	25.2181
Sale	6/8/2017	(700)	25.9679

Oregon Public Employees Retirement Fund
Transactions in CenturyLink, Inc. (CTL)
CenturyLink 5.625% Due 2020, Cusip #: 912920AC9

<u>Transaction</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Price</u>
Sale	12/18/2013	(1,395,000)	95.4580

Oregon Public Employees Retirement Fund
Transactions in CenturyLink, Inc. (CTL)
CenturyLink 6.875% Due 2033, Cusip #: 156700AW6

<u>Transaction</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Price</u>
Purchase	3/18/2013	2,420,000	100.0000
Purchase	3/18/2013	130,000	101.0000
Purchase	6/5/2013	1,485,000	101.2500
Sale	6/18/2013	(2,470,000)	103.5000
Sale	6/18/2013	(1,565,000)	103.5000